Indian Defence Light Helicopter

3085. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the first prototype of Indian defence light helicopter has been test flown during the current year;

(b) whether this is being developed by the HAL in collaboration with West Germany;

(c) if so, to what extent this new helicopter has successfully passed the test; and

(d) what is the total annual production to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: (a) No, Sir.

(b) An advance Light Helicopter is being designed and developed by HAL in collaboration with a firm in West Germany.

(c) The helicopter is still under development.

(d) The final position in respect of the production schedule is yet to emerge.

Crash of Army Plane in Assam

3086. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any army jet plane crashed near Chabua in the Dibrugarh district, Assam recently ;

(b) how many people died in the crash including those on ground ;

(c) whether compensation have been paid to the relatives of the victims; and

(d) what are the rules under which the compensation was paid and the amount of compensation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) An Air crash involving an I.A.F. jet aircraft took place near Chabua on 02-12-1988.

(b) One IAF Pilot Officer of the ill fated aircraft was killed. Besides, 4 civilians were killed and 6 others injured on the ground.

(c) *Ex-gratia* grant permissible under the rules has been paid. Full compensation claims, however, will be paid as soon as full verification by the local civil authorities are completed.

(d) The payment of *Ex-gratia* interim relief is governed by Government of India, Ministry of Defence letter No. Air HQ/23932/Pol-2 PP & R/9644/D/(Air-III), dated 19-10-1966 as amended from time to time. A total grant of Rs. 32,000 has been paid at the rate of Rs. 5,000 each to the families of the deceased and Rs. 2,000 each to the six persons injured.

आयुर्वेदिक निदेशालय की स्थापना

3087. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली प्रशासन ने हाल ही में प्राचीन भारतीय चिकित्सा पद्धति अर्थात आयुर्वेद को आधुनिक पद्धति के रूप में स्वीकार करके इसकी उन्नति